

Visit Rainier Centennial GeoTour

100 geocaches to celebrate 100 years of the National Park Service

2016 is the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, and we're celebrating with the Visit Rainier Centennial GeoTour – 100 geocaches placed around Mount Rainier National Park and in its gateway communities. With prizes, of course: pathtags for completing each series and a geocoin for those completing the entire tour.

Mount Rainier is Washington State's most recognized natural icon, and the fifth-oldest national park (established 1899, before the NPS existed). The geocaches will highlight the rich history, scenic wonders, quaint communities, and hidden gems of the Rainier region.

The geocaches are being released in four series of 25 caches each during 2015 and 2016. Each series circles Mount Rainier outside the park, with a few earthcaches inside. You record your finds in a series passport, which can be mailed upon completion to receive the prize.



The GeoTour cache titles have the series name "Rainier 100," followed by the series number (1,2,3,4). Visit the GeoTour page at www.geocaching.com/play/geotours/visit-rainier for a complete list of available caches. You can get full GeoTour details, see the prizes, and download your passport at www.visitrainier.com/geotour.

Launch date: The GeoTour launched June 13, 2015, with Series 1. Release dates for the remaining series are Oct. 9, 2015 (Series 2), July 1, 2016 (Series 3), and Sept. 16, 2016 (Series 4).

Duration: The GeoTour ends Oct. 31, 2017, and we will accept completed passports until Nov. 10. (The branded GeoTour promotion ends June 12, so the dedicated GeoTour page will go away then, but all caches will remain active through October.) Individual caches may remain longer at the discretion of the cache owners and land managers.

Passes and fees: Mount Rainier National Park has an [entrance fee](#).

Passports

Each release series has its own passport, and each geocache contains a unique code word, which you must record in the passport to verify your visit.

Passports are available as PDF downloads on the Visit Rainier website (www.visitrainier.com/geotour). Printed copies are available at the Visit Rainier office in Enumclaw (location of GC5W3R0) and at some WSGA events.

Once you have found all 25 geocaches in a series, you may mail in the passport to receive a pathtag prize. If you complete all four series (100 caches), you can receive a commemorative geocoin. Passports can be submitted individually as series are completed, and Visit Rainier will keep track of your progress.

Caveats:

- Only one passport per family/household may be submitted for each series prize.
- Visit Rainier and WSGA are not responsible for lost passports, and will not credit cachers for caches claimed as found before losing a passport. So hang onto them!

Prizes

You are eligible for five prizes – four different pathtags and a geocoin – if you complete all four geocache series. You may receive a pathtag for completing each series by mailing in the passport, and if you complete the entire GeoTour (100 caches), you can receive the geocoin.

Pathtags: Each series has its own pathtag, which is available once its cache series launches. You must complete all four cache series and turn in the passports to have a complete set.



Geocoin: The trackable geocoin will be available in October 2016, following the Series 4 launch. 140 coins will be available for those who complete the entire GeoTour (four series, 100 caches).



Distribution:

- Pathtags and coins are limited to one per family/household. Multiple caching accounts in the same family will be treated as one participant for prize eligibility.
- To receive each pathtag, you must mail in the completed series passport. Visit Rainier will verify each passport and mail your prize to the provided address. If you have a mailing address outside the U.S. (including Canada), you may be asked to pay postage.
- You qualify for the geocoin by completing all four geocache series. Visit Rainier will track your progress, and mail out coins once all four passports are received, beginning Fall 2016.
- Pathtags and coins are available while supplies last.

The Visit Rainier Centennial GeoTour is sponsored by Visit Rainier and Washington State Geocaching Association (WSGA). We hope you enjoy the tour!

— Abby Wolfe, GeoTour project manager

